# Wireless Innovation Forum Announces New Coalition Interoperability Task Group

Resulting report will focus on emerging tactical coalition communications demands



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Washington, DC, 19 July 2016 – The Wireless Innovation Forum (WInnForum) today announced approval of a new task group focused on emerging tactical coalition communications demands driven by the need for improved coordination between deployed units of forces from different nations and agencies, including shared situational awareness, exchanging secure voice, data and multimedia information. The project, entitled Coalition Interoperability, is being undertaken by the WInnForum's International Tactical Radio Special Interest Group.

Created for worldwide military forces, tactical communications specification developers, suppliers, and technology providers, who are participating or supporting tactical coalition operations on the battlefield, this project will result in a report that will provide an assessment of military tactical communications capabilities that support interoperability within coalitions of multinational forces. It will, identify any significant technology gaps and opportunities, delivering recommendations for improvements in terms of practices, technology and standards development.

The initial group formed in March, and the project was approved by Steering Group of the Forum's <a href="Coordinating Committee">Coordinating Committee for International SCA Standards</a> in June. It has a planned report completion date of December 2016, with the final document being made available publicly after member voting and approval by March 2017. The group will meet in Paris this October during the Forum's Technical Exchange Meetings (<a href="http://www.wirelessinnovation.org/paris-tem-october-2016">http://www.wirelessinnovation.org/paris-tem-october-2016</a>), held concurrently with WInnComm Europe 2016 (<a href="http://europe.WirelessInnovation.org">http://europe.WirelessInnovation.org</a>). The conference will also feature an associated workshop on Tactical Communications with a presentation on ESSOR as well as perspectives on German, Italian and UK programs.

The Forum encourages participation from organizations wanting to be involved in this important project. Please contact Forum CEO Lee Pucker at Lee.Pucker@WirelessInnovation.org if you are interested.

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